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Board Approves Funds for Vietnam Memorial Moving Wall

SAN BERNARDINO – The Board of Supervisors approved a \$4,000 allocation on Tuesday to help a local veterans' organization fund the Vietnam Memorial Moving Wall that was on display in the City of Fontana from May 1-5.

American Legion Steele-Towne Post 772 contacted Chairman Paul Biane and Fifth District Supervisor Josie Gonzales to request financial assistance to cover the cost of bringing the memorial to Miller Park. Both Supervisors represent portions of Fontana.

In response, Chairman Biane and Supervisor Gonzales requested \$4,000 from the Board's priority policy budget to aid the group. The priority policy budget contains funds used for various community projects and needs as identified by the Board throughout the year.

"I applaud the American Legion Steele-Towne Post for bringing the Vietnam Memorial Moving Wall to the City of Fontana and the County of San Bernardino," said Biane, who serves as the County's Second District Supervisor. "The Vietnam Memorial Wall is an overwhelming reminder of all those who made the ultimate sacrifice for this country during the war, and it was an honor to have it in our County again."

"I am very proud that the County was able to partner with the American Legion in bringing this moving tribute to our region," Supervisor Gonzales said. "For many of our residents, seeing the Moving Wall replica allowed them a glimpse at a part of our American history, and the opportunity to honor those who gave their lives. Freedom is not free."

The Vietnam Memorial Moving Wall is a replica of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C. It contains the names of more than 50,000 U.S. military personnel killed during the Vietnam War. It has been touring North America for more than 12 years. Past San Bernardino County stops for the Moving Wall include Rancho Cucamonga, Barstow, Joshua Tree and Redlands.

The Moving Wall's next stop is the City of Covina where it will be on display May 8-12 at Covina Park.

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